

March 22, 2010

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E. Administrator, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance New Hampshire Department of Transportation 1 Hazen Drive PO Box 483 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483

RE: Rockingham MPO 2009-2012 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT Minor Revisions-February, 2010)

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced request to amend a project in the Rockingham MPO <u>FY 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program</u> under our Administrative Modifications procedures.

The modification proposed is summarized as follows and is more fully described in the attached "2009-2012 STIP Revision Report – February, 2010" table which you provided. The changes to the HSIP program listed in the attached table have not been included in this adjustment.

February, 2010 Request Two (2) Projects proposed for administrative modification:

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Comment / Other
10418C	Salem to Manchester	Reconstruct & widen mainline, Environmental Impact Study & final design from Mass S/L in Salem to I-293 in Manchester (PE & ROW only) [Section 1602 – Designated Project; Demo ID NH014]	Adding \$38,000 to PE and shifting \$4,821,000 in PE funds from 2011 to 2010	
RR-RCS *	Statewide Rail	Reconstruction of crossings, signals, and related work (Annual Project)	Adding \$20,000 of PE funds and \$200,000 in Construction funds for 2010.	

We concur that these project are eligible for amendments through the Administrative Modification process.

Our TIP Amendment procedures (Section 6.5, MPO <u>Prospectus</u>) allow such modifications by action of the Executive Director provided that no exceptions are raised by MPO members. MPO TAC and Policy members were notified by email of the proposed modification on March 5th, 2010 and asked to respond with any comment by March 8th, 2010. As of the close of business on that date I received no requests from MPO members that the change be handled as a full amendment.

It was determined through Interagency Consultation (IAC) that the revisions do not impact the air quality conformity determination or change the financial constraint of the STIP. Based on this information, the administrative modifications are approved. By copy of this letter I am informing the New Hampshire office of the FHWA, Region 1 of FTA and NHDES – Air Resources Division of this action.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our actions.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sinnott

Executive Director

cc:

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